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ALLISON'S HIGH-CLASS

VAUDEVILLES

TO-NIGHT

(MONDAY), 1st OCTOBER, 9 P.M.

by Special Request,

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AT

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A SPECIAL PROGRAMME.

Including

THE BEAUTIFUL SERBENTINE

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Tickets on Sale in Hotel Office.

Admission—

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Soldiers and Sailors half-price to Back Seats.

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A New Critically Revised Translation. 1893.

Williams and Norgate, Price, Six Shillings.

It has done more for the people than any other

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Hongkong, October 1st, 1894.

The terms on which the Crown Agents do business for this Colony have always been shouldered in mystery and repeated attempts on the part of one or other of the unofficial members to obtain light on the subject have invariably resulted in failure.

On the 15th March last the Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD asked the following question:—"In view of the West Indian Colonies, including British Honduras and British Guiana, having recently passed resolutions through their Legislatures condemning the Crown Agents' agency as an expensive and wasteful medium for the transaction of their business, and as a like feeling obtains amongst a large number of ratepayers in this Colony, will the Government lay upon the table, at the earliest possible date, a copy of the Parliamentary Paper C. 3075 of 1881, which is said to contain full information as to the arrangements existing between the Colonial Office and the Crown Agents?" In making some remarks on this subject in our issue of Saturday we were under the impression that the paper asked for had not yet been presented. That was a mistake. The paper was presented a month ago, but has excited little interest that we believe not a single one of the unofficial members has asked to see it. Had they done so, however, they would not have been much the wiser. On application to the Acting Colonial Secretary we were courteously afforded an opportunity of perusing the paper, which it may be remarked, is published at the moderate price of three halfpence and may be procured by anyone who likes to write to London for it, but the number of copies in the Colony is apparently not sufficient to allow of one being supplied to each member of Council. The first despatch is dated 31st December, 1863, and is addressed by the Secretary of State to all Colonies employing the Crown Agents. It intimates that the contributions from the Colonies were insufficient for the support of the department and that in future a commission of one-half per cent. would be charged on all loans contracted and paid off through the instrumentality of the Agents, and on all interest paid through the same channel, that those Colonies which regularly employed the Crown Agents would, as a consequence, contribute an annual sum bearing some proportion to the trouble which the general business of each (irrespective of loans and investments) would be imposed on the Agents and their department, and that in the cases of Colonies whose accounts were too small to require a fixed annual payment for the general business the contribution would be in the form of a commission of five per cent. on all orders executed by the Agents, irrespective of loans and investments. In 1868, the amount received for payment of interest on loans having increased to an extent disproportionate to the increased labour involved in making the payments, the charge was reduced from 10s. to 6s. per £100 paid, the charges

for negotiating, raising and paying off the principal sum remaining as before.

No. 5 of the series of documents is a "Memorandum of the Origin and Functions of the Department of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, by Sir James G. F. Watson, K.C.M.G., C.B.," in which we are informed that in addition to the loan business, the Agents carry out railway undertakings of considerable magnitude and supply all kinds of commodities required by the Colonies, the storage cost for the agency amounting to less than one quarter per cent. on the sum disbursed. The remainder of the despatches refer to the question of the Crown Agents' account for Colonies under responsible Government, it being held that these should supply their own agents on the ground that there were obvious objections to a system under which officers appointed and supervised by Her Majesty's Government undertook large transactions and assumed large obligations on behalf of those Colonies which managed their internal affairs independently of Her Majesty's Government. All this does not carry us much further. The information that is desired is whether, as is supposed, the cost of obtaining supplies through the Crown Agents is greater than it would be if the same goods were ordered through a local firm of merchants or stockholders or direct from the manufacturers at home. The annual contribution to the Crown Agents by this Colony is £150 only, but they charge commission on all orders executed by them. So far as the loans are concerned it is probably the case that the Crown Agents' terms are as favourable as could be obtained elsewhere, but with regard to orders for stores there is a general suspicion that the Colony pays largely in excess of the prices at which the same goods could be procured through other channels. It ought to be possible to ascertain whether this is so or not. Dr. A. J. A. Watson in his evidence before the Retrenchment Committee says, with respect to drugs, "On things coming through the Crown Agents we do not get them at anything like the prices we could get them ordering them in large quantities from mercantile firms at home." The same is believed to apply to all other descriptions of stores. The commission payable to the Crown Agents by the Colony is five per cent., but does this mean five per cent. on the net price of the goods, or does the Colony pay catalogue prices and five per cent. in addition, the Crown Agents retaining the discounts received from the manufacturers? That would be a very improper arrangement, and we can hardly suppose it would be sanctioned. But how is the excess in cost to be accounted for? Assuming there to be any such excess, as appears from Dr. A. J. A. Watson's evidence, either the Crown Agents do not buy in the best market, or the Colony does not get the benefit of the usual trade discounts.

It is notified that Mr. D. E. Brown has been appointed a Justice of the Peace.

Mrs. Bishop (Miss Isabella Bird), who recently made a journey to Korea, is now in Tientsin.

The steamer *Glenamara* left Singapore on Saturday and is expected on or about the 5th inst.

The R. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Guthrie*, from Australia, left Port Darwin on the 26th inst. for this port, via Timor.

A meeting of British subjects willing in case of necessity to bear arms, in defence of foreign property, was held at Tientsin on the 31st September.

The C. M. steamer *Kinkaid*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, sailed on Friday afternoon and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 14th inst.

It is notified that the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of the Queen, to the Supplementary Appropriation Ordinance 1893 and the Tientsin Appropriation Ordinance.

Yesterday afternoon a portion of the verandah of the top story of Collyer Chambers, 22, Wyndham Street, side, fell. Fortunately there was no one on the verandah or passing in the street at the time, so that the accident was not attended by any serious consequences.

One of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.'s ships has disappeared with the little steamer *St. John*. It was several times to be seen, but on Wednesday, however, it was not to be seen, and it is supposed that it has been wrecked on a reef.

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The Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steam Navigation Co. advertise an excursion to Macao on Sunday next.

The M. M. steamer *Stagodon*, with the gunboat *Latona*, sailed yesterday morning for Canton.

Mr. Mar Shabai, the Consul General for Belgium at Shanghai, died on the 24th September. The deceased gentleman was in his forty-eighth year.

The M. G. Daily News of the 28th inst. says:—Reports are current again of the transfer of stores of the China Merchants' Company to foreign ships, but we are not at all sure that they have any solid foundation.

The Kobe-orientals were expected at Shanghai on the 28th inst. The arrangements in connection with their visit would probably be something as follows:—On Saturday, a match with the Shanghai, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Sunday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Monday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Tuesday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Wednesday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Thursday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Friday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Saturday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Sunday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Monday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Tuesday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Wednesday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Thursday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Friday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Saturday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Sunday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Monday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Tuesday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Wednesday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Thursday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Friday, B.C.C. at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Saturday, B.C.C. 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